

**Judicial
County Court**

Seminole County

Witness/Other Fees County

Mission

To provide for payment to witnesses and for special needs of disabled individuals appearing before the courts.

Business Strategy

Expenditures in this account include payment of witness fees and travel for witnesses subpoenaed for County Court cases, interpreters for the deaf, and other miscellaneous expenditures necessary in Court trials and hearings.

Florida Statutes, Chapter 914 describes "Witness: Criminal Proceedings;" F.S. 914.06 states, "Compensation of expert witnesses in criminal cases – In a criminal case when the State or an indigent defendant requires the services of an expert witness whose opinion is relevant to the issues of the case, the Court shall award reasonable compensation to the expert witness that shall be taxed and paid by the County as costs in the same manner as other costs." Florida Statutes 90.6063 (2) states, "In all Judicial proceedings and in sessions of a grand jury wherein a deaf person is a complainant, defendant, witness, or otherwise a party, the Court or presiding officer shall appoint a qualified interpreter to interpret the proceedings to the deaf person and to interpret his testimony or statements to the Court or Grand Jury.

Florida Statutes 90.6063(8) states, "An interpreter appointed by the Court in a criminal matter or in a civil matter shall be entitled to a reasonable fee for such service, in addition to actual expenses for travel, to be paid out of general County funds."

The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, requires that reasonable accommodations be provided to requesting qualified persons with disabilities in order that they may participate fully in court programs, services, activities and benefits.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

